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1. A special top secret meeting of SED functionaries was held during the week of 8 December 1952. Walter Ulbricht laid down the following line: Berlin will lose its four-power status when the contractual agreements are ratified, and the western nations will lose their right to stay in Berlin as occupying powers. The USSR will issue a decree to this effect at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner.
2. The SED is considering the publication of a suggestion to demilitarize Berlin, combined with agitation for all-Berlin elections. The Party is going to prepare itself for such developments.

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